3. Parking Districts

GOALS

The goals of the district parking management recommendations are to:

- Establish district-based guidelines and standards to reduce the growth in parking supply for commuters.
- Build on the consensus reached in neighborhood planning processes with respect to local parking needs.
- Develop a regional approach to address parking management.
- Strengthen existing parking management zoning and other legal mechanisms.
- Use new technologies to optimize the use of existing parking supply before building new spaces.

A key policy initiative of *Access Boston 2000-2010* is the use of district based strategies to manage off-street parking. This section lays out the fundamentals of a comprehensive off-street parking strategy to be implemented in the coming years. First, existing district based parking management regulations are examined. Case studies of recently completed or ongoing neighborhood master planning and zoning initiatives are also identified. The Action Plan calls for tightening regulations to manage above normal growth in off-street parking supply. Finally, a summary chart details district-by-district parking goals.

As outlined in Section 2, over the last several years, growth in new off-street parking has occurred throughout Boston. Major new developments are under construction in Boston's traditional core, which includes the downtown, financial district and the Back Bay. In general, the core possesses robust transportation infrastructure and already has dense development, so that new developments tend to have incremental impacts. However, the roadway and transit infrastructure is at capacity.

Since the mid-1990s, neighborhoods just outside the traditional core have experienced significant development. Some of these districts have been historically industrial like the South Boston waterfront, Newmarket and sections of Charlestown and East Boston. Other new developments are adjacent to, or in the midst, of residential neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Fenway/Longwood Medical Area and the South End. These areas are served by fewer transit and highway facilities relative to the core and are subject to impacts stemming from new development.

The district-based approach allows the City to tailor its policies to the unique characteristics of each neighborhood. Factors considered include existing and planned land uses, access to transit, local street capacity, existing on and off-street parking supply, and the cumulative impact of proposed developments.

Parking Freeze Districts

Boston is unique among American cities when it comes to parking supply management. The Boston Air Pollution Control Commission (BAPCC) administers "parking freezes" (see Figure 12) that cap all or part of the parking supply in a geographic area. Boston's parking freezes are included in the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The SIP is approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Since 1973, downtown Boston has been subject to a "freeze" on commercial parking, imposed by the Commonwealth and the U.S. EPA as a means to reduce air pollution and meet the Clean Air Act. It sets an absolute cap on public, off-street parking.

In 1989, a parking freeze was added to East Boston to address the rise in airport-related parking uses in the neighborhoods. The East Boston Freeze caps rental car and park-and-fly operations, allowing only for their transfer out of the community and onto airport property. There is also a parking freeze at Logan Airport that is managed by Massport with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

South Boston came under a parking freeze in 1993 when the Commonwealth imposed a cap on parking in order to settle a pending

lawsuit brought by environmental advocates over impacts from the Central Artery/Tunnel project. The South Boston Freeze applies to all parking (except existing residential) in the Piers and commercial/industrial areas and prohibits new remote parking in the residential area. The City of Boston drafted regulations and an inventory of parking in 1994 to comply with the state regulation. The Freeze has acted as a moratorium on new parking facilities. Recently, the BAPCC held public hearings on the latest draft regulations and is in the process of finalizing the inventory and implementing permit fees to fund freeze administration.

Table 5 – Summary of Parking Freeze Areas

LOCATION	OVERSIGHT	KEY ELEMENTS	
Boston Proper	Boston Air Pollution Control Commission	Caps general public parking at 1975 level of 35,500 spaces. Allows BAPCC to grant exemption for certain types of spaces based on need (i.e., residential, hotel guest, employee).	
East Boston	Boston Air Pollution Control Commission	Caps rental car spaces at 1989 level of 4,012 spaces. Caps park-and-fly spaces at 1,098 spaces.	
South Boston ¹	Boston Air Pollution Control Commission	Creates three districts: South Boston Piers Zone with 16,623 parking spaces. South Boston Industrial Zone with 16,453 spaces. South Boston Residential Zone with 11 remote spaces. Caps all types of off-street parking at 1994 levels. Provides for a 10-percent increase after the base inventory and rules are approved by DEP. Prohibits use of spaces in industrial and residential areas for remote parking to Piers area. Exempts residential parking spaces. Requires 10-percent set-aside for "off-peak" parking.	
South Boston/ Massport ¹	Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection		
Logan Airport	Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection	Caps all off-street parking at 1989 level of 19,315. Requires maximum of 5,225 employee parking spaces and minimum of 115,467 commercial parking spaces. Includes provision to bring remote park-and-ride spaces onto the airport with a one-for-one increase in the Logan commercial inventory and a decrease in the East Boston park-and-fly inventory.	

Note: 1. Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has not approved the inventory of spaces. The permit process will begin in Fall 2001.

Boston Proper Parking Freeze

The Boston Proper Parking Freeze was imposed in 1973 and covers "Boston Proper," and includes downtown Boston, Back Bay and the South End. Highlights include:

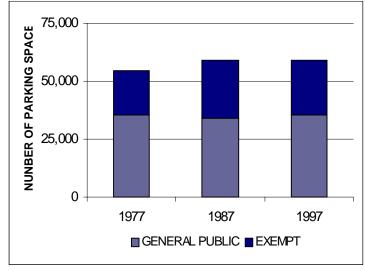
- *Public* spaces were capped at their 1975 levels of 35,500.
- BAPCC may grant exemptions to private off-street parking that is made available exclusively to employees, guests, patrons, customers, clients or patients of an employer in a building.
- Residential parking is outside the scope of the Parking Freeze and developers need only document how the general public will be excluded from these spaces.

The CTPS 1997/98 inventory identified 59,100 total spaces within the Parking Freeze area. While the total number of parking spaces increased by 9% between 1977 and 1997, the number of exempt spaces increased by 26%. (See Figure 13). Significantly, the growth occurred primarily between 1977 and 1987 when an average of 450 spaces per year was added to the supply. The off-street parking supply has remained relatively constant between 1987 and 1997. This reflects the impacts of an economic recession, the use of existing public spaces in the new development projects, and greater control exerted by BTD and BAPCC through the permit process.

The increase in exempt spaces is primarily a result of construction of employee spaces. During the same time period, the number of employees in the downtown increased by 15%. The increased number of employees pressures demand for parking. In response, long-term parking rates nearly doubled between 1977 and 1997. In addition, public parking became more difficult to find during the middle of the day as long-term parkers, such as employees, consumed the limited number of available spaces. This increases costs for businesses and for visitors, tourists and others who cannot "write-off" parking charges.

In the coming decade, parking conditions could change significantly in the downtown due to the construction of new parking facilities in new developments. As Figure 14 illustrates, the parking supply of the Boston Proper Parking Freeze area is anticipated to increase by 7% considering only projects that have been approved or are under construction. Most projects under construction will be open in 2003. Parking could increase by 17% considering both projects approved or under construction projects and those under review or proposed. The latter category will not be built for several years and some not at all.

Figure 13
Off-Street Parking Growth in Boston Proper



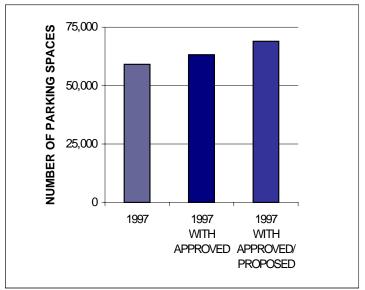
While the total number of parking spaces increased by 9% between 1977 and 1997, the number of exempt spaces grew by 26%. (Data Source: BAPCC, BTD and CTPS)



The Boston Common Garage is used by area residents, shoppers and commuters.



Figure 14
Future Parking in Boston Proper



Considering projects that are under construction or approved, the parking supply in the Freeze area will increase by an additional 7%. (Source: CTPS and BTD)



The Ritz Carlton project, originally permitted as Commonwealth Center in the late 1980s, was completed in 2001.

It takes time to complete large development projects. This was especially apparent over the last ten years when the economic downturn of the early-1990s affected project financing and schedules. The two projects that account for nearly all of the approved or under construction parking supply in Boston Proper and the Back Bay – the Prudential redevelopment in the Back Bay and the Ritz Carlton project near Downtown Crossing – were proposed and originally permitted in the late-1980s.

The economic downtown also reduced the average annual rate of parking spaces that were added to Boston Proper's parking supply. The rate of 450 spaces per year that was observed in the ten-year period from 1977 to 1987 will drop by 25%, even when projects that are currently under construction or approved are included in the total, due to economic downturn of the early-1990s.

The Ritz Carlton and One Lincoln Center projects, which are now under construction, are also examples of projects that incorporate "unattached" general public parking into the parking supply of the new development. "Unattached" general public lots and garages in the Boston Proper Parking Freeze area are freestanding facilities that are not part of a building or development. These facilities serve the general parking demand of area businesses and residential neighborhoods, rather than specific needs of a particular office building. A large part of the Ritz Carlton project is located on the former site of a surface parking lot that served Downtown Crossing and the Theater District. The One Lincoln Center site includes a parking garage and a parking lot that served Downtown Crossing, the Financial District and the South Station area.

The general public spaces in the Ritz Carlton and One Lincoln Center projects will be available on a "first come-first serve" basis. However, the added demand from the new uses in the development projects will increase competition for the spaces and ultimately increase parking costs and reduce parking availability. This is a positive trend to the extent that it makes driving a less desirable commuting option relative to other modes such as transit.

East Boston Parking Freeze

The BAPCC oversees a Parking Freeze in East Boston that caps the number of rental car and remote airport park-and-ride spaces in the residential neighborhood around the airport. DEP approved the East Boston Parking Freeze in 1991 and the plan was approved by U.S. EPA as part of the 1993 amendments to the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan (SIP). The purpose of this parking freeze is to reduce off-airport parking and rental car facilities in East Boston. Since the Parking Freeze was implemented, the number of off-airport rental car spaces within the area has been limited to 4,012. The number of off-airport park-and-fly spaces has been reduced from 2,475 spaces to 1,098.

Logan Airport is also under a parking freeze that caps the total number of airport spaces at 19,315. Massachusetts DEP oversees this Parking Freeze, which includes Massport property at Logan Airport. Today, there are 15,467 passenger spaces and 5,225 employee spaces at Logan.

South Boston Parking Freeze

The BAPCC oversees a Parking Freeze in South Boston. Unlike the Parking Freeze in Boston Proper, the South Boston Freeze includes employee and general public parking spaces. Residential spaces are exempt. The South Boston Parking Freeze includes three zones: the area north of Summer Street that includes the South Boston Waterfront; the commercial/industrial area roughly between Summer Street and First Street and along Dorchester Avenue; and the residential area south of First Street. Massport properties are not included in the BAPCC Parking Freeze. DEP oversees the Parking Freeze that regulates parking on Massport property.

The South Boston Parking Freeze provides for a bank of 3,308 spaces, which is 10% above the total BAPCC Parking Freeze inventory. When the CA/T project is complete, the BAPCC may add an additional 10-percent to the Parking Freeze bank. The regulations also restrict 10% of existing spaces from being available between 7:30 and 9:30 AM to limit peak-hour travel. This restriction increases to 20% upon completion of the MBTA's Silver Line project in South Boston.



The purpose of the East Boston parking freeze is to reduce offairport parking and rental car facilities in East Boston. The number of off-airport park-and-fly spaces has been reduced from 2,475 spaces to 1,098.



DEP oversees the Parking Freeze in South Boston that includes Massport properties, such as the World Trade Center development site.

Restricted Parking Districts

Restricted parking districts are zoning tools that require developers to justify parking levels that will be built as part of the development project. Parking is considered a "conditional use" in these areas. Development projects must demonstrate the need for new parking, subject to BRA and Boston Zoning Board of Appeal approval. BTD and BAPCC provide input to the approval process. The zoning code does not require a minimum number of off-street spaces.

In a restricted parking district, the Board of Appeal shall grant a conditional use for an off-street parking facility, whether a parking lot, a public garage, or parking which is accessory or ancillary to any use other than a residential use, only if the Board of Appeal finds that the facility meets one or more of the following conditions:

- a. It will serve a traffic demand not adequately provided for by public transportation; or
- It will replace existing off-street parking spaces in one or more nearby parking facilities, or it will replace legal on-street parking spaces that have been physically eliminated through permanent modification or demolition; or
- It is accessory or ancillary to a use which by its nature does not contribute significantly to traffic flows during peak traffic periods; or
- d. The facility constitutes a temporary parking lot use of land and that serious intent to reuse the land for an allowed use within a specified period of time has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board of Appeal.

Projects that undergo Article 80 Large Project Review, Institutional Master Plans and Planned Development Areas are not subject to the Restricted Parking District. However, the Restricted Parking District acts as a red flag to alert developers that the appropriate amount of parking must be carefully studied. For proposed projects subject to or electing to comply with Large Project Review, off-street parking spaces and off-street loading facilities are determined through the community review process.

ROXBURY STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan is designed to establish a strategic planning agenda that will provide a framework to guide change and economic growth for the next ten to twenty years in Roxbury. The plan recognizes that a balanced transportation system that meets the needs of Roxbury residents, businesses, and visitors is intrinsic to enhancing quality of life in the neighborhood.

The lack of sufficient resident parking, the increasing number of commuters into the area, the growing demand for short-term parking for local businesses, and the need to provide parking for new developments are the realities facing Roxbury. The specific details of the plan are being shaped by an extensive public process. The Plan will allow for the development of Roxbury's assets without unduly burdening the transportation system. The final plan will:

- Prohibit the development of satellite parking.
- Develop specific parking standards and ratios for new developments.
- Identify potential areas for resident parking programs.
- Encourage demand management and shared parking use.
- Recommend guidelines to develop specific strategies for neighborhood commercial areas.

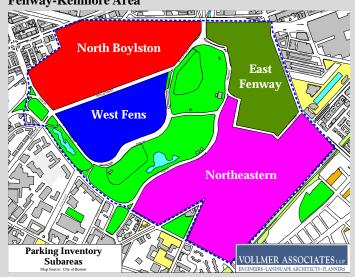
DUDLEY SQUARE TRANSPORTATION AND AIR QUALITY STUDY

Dudley Square is the commercial and transportation hub of Roxbury. A joint BTD/BRA/DND effort, makes specific recommendations to ensure that the twin development of the Ferdinand Building (for the Department of Public Health) and Modern Electroplating site (into a 500 space parking garage) do not overwhelm this growing area. Among the study's recommendations are a complete parking plan for Dudley Square, including:

- Controlled use of existing public parking facilities.
- Projections of future parking demands.
- On-street parking and loading regulations.
- Guidelines for use and access of the Modern Electroplating parking facility.

Fenway-Kenmore Neighborhood Transportation Association

Figure 15 Fenway-Kenmore Area





Planning for the Fenway-Kenmore area identified the importance of upgrading Yawkey Station to a full-time commuter rail station.

Table 6 - Fenway Parking by Subarea

·	On-Street	
Subarea	Spaces	Off-Street spaces
North Boylston	544	5,286
West Fenway	752	1,410
East Fenway	812	1,142
Northeastern	893	2,207
Total	3,001	10,045

Source: BTD, as of July 2000

BTD and the BRA established the **Fenway-Kenmore Neighborhood Transportation Association (NTA)** in December 1998. The purpose of the NTA is to serve as a monthly public forum on development and transportation issues in the area. The NTA consists of community and business groups, residents, area institutions, advocacy groups, and public agencies.

Principles of the Fenway NTA:

- Protect and enhance the quality of life of the Fenway neighborhood.
- Encourage the use of public transportation; create a pedestrianfriendly street environment; alleviate congestion and improve traffic circulation, and address off-street and on-street parking concerns.
- Develop strategies to manage the combined or cumulative transportation impacts of existing, under construction and proposed developments in the neighborhood.
- Keep traffic related to regional destinations on the highway system, protecting local residential streets for local traffic.

Parking Related Accomplishments:

- Updated the parking inventory (Figure 15 and Table 6).
- Recommended parking ratios for new development.
- Conducted development review including number of proposed net new parking spaces.
- Recommended regulations of on-street parking spaces.
- Recommended Yawkey Station as a full-time commuter rail station and three-car trains on the MBTA to help reduce driving and parking in the neighborhood.

Fenway Planning Task Force

In 1999, the City established the **Fenway Planning Task Force (FPTF)** to provide community input and representation in a rezoning process for the Fenway. The FPTF Transportation subcommittee meetings were scheduled to coincide with the already established Fenway NTA. Parking ratios for new development was a key concern. After updating the parking inventory and much discussion about limiting parking and still allowing development according to the community's vision, a maximum parking ratio of 0.75 spaces/unit and 0.75 spaces/1,000 gross square feet of non-residential development was recommended. The development of parking ratios through the district-based approach allows the City to tailor its zoning to the unique characteristics of each neighborhood, including the presence of transit, local street capacity, and general availability of parking.

Civic Vision for Turnpike Air-Rights

In the fall of 1998, Mayor Menino appointed a citizens committee to develop guidelines to govern the use of air-rights parcels over the Boston extension of the Massachusetts Turnpike. (See Figure 16.) As part of this initiative, the BTD and BRA established a Transportation Working Group to address pedestrian safety, parking, and local and regional access.

The group released its recommendations in June 2000. Detailed guidelines were recommended to reduce allowable parking for new development as a means to encourage public transportation use. Mode share goals and desired parking ratios were identified for each parcel along the turnpike corridor. These are outlined in Table 7 below.

Figure 16 Massachusetts Turnpike Air Rights



Table 7 – Recommended Parking Goals for Turnpike Air Rights

	Existing Mode Share and	
Recommended Goals	Approved Parking Ratios	
Parcels 1-6	Parcels 1-6	
Mode Share – auto below 50%	Mode Share – auto 50-60%	
Parking Ratios:	Parking Ratios:	
Hotel75/unit	Hotel75/unit	
Office/ R&D $- 1/1,000sf$	Office/ R&D – to be determined	
Retail – to be determined by CAC	Retail – to be determined	
arcels 7-10	Parcels 7-10	
Mode Share – auto below 30%	Mode Share – auto 30-40%	
Parking Ratios:	Parking Ratios:	
Housing75 to 1/unit*	Housing75/unit	
Hotel5/unit	Hotel59/unit	
Office/ R&D75 to1/1,000sf	Office/ $R&D - 1.25-1.5/1,000sf$	
Retail – to be determined by CAC Retail – to be determined		
Cinemas – to be determined by CAC		
arcels 11-19	Parcels 11-19	
Mode Share – auto below 30%	Mode Share – auto 30-40%	
Parking Ratios:	Parking Ratios:	
Housing75 to 1/unit*	Housing $-1.3-1.5$ /unit	
Hotel5/unit	Hotel5-1/unit	
Office75/1,000sf	Office $-1.5-2/1,000sf$	
Retail – none if possible	Retail – none if possible	
Cinemas – to be determined by CAC	Cinemas – to be determined	
arcels 20-23	Parcels 20-23	
Mode Share – auto below 30%	Mode Share – auto ?%	
Parking Ratios:	Parking Ratios:	
Housing – community review	Housing – to be determined	
Hotel5/unit	Hotel - to be determined	
Office/ R&D75/1,000sf	Office – less than 1/1,000sf	
Retail – to be determined by CAC	Retail - to be determined	
Depends on unit type and demand.		

Action Plan

Parking Districts

Use District-based Parking Goals Based on Transit Access

Off-street parking needs and impacts vary by location. The district-based approach addresses these differences as part of citywide efforts to reduce parking demands by employees and better manage the overall supply. For Example, in the downtown, BTD and BAPCC uses a ratio of 0.4 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of commercial office development. Ratios in areas outside the Boston Proper Parking Freeze are based on mode share goals that reflect the location of the project relative to the transit system. BTD has worked with BAPCC, BRA and citizen groups to establish these goals for the Fenway-Kenmore and Turnpike air rights. See Tables 6 and 7 in the proceeding section that follows for additional information.

District-based parking goals are detailed in Tables 8, 9 and 10 starting on page 29.

Increase the Availability of Short-Term Parking

During strong economic times, short-term parking is difficult to find in Boston Proper. Efforts should be made to increase the availability of short-term parking (i.e., less than 4 hours) by reducing long-term/all-day parking demand. This will further increase pressure to shift employees to alternative, non-auto modes. The City should also investigate the development of an intermodal facility near the South Bay area that could provide short-term visitor and tourist parking with shuttle bus service to downtown.

Reduce the Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces per Employee

The City of Boston will establish a goal to reduce the number of offstreet parking spaces per employee. The purpose is to provide an umbrella approach to the district-based and project-level approaches to reduce parking demand and auto use by employees. The reduction in parking will require shifting employees into other modes such as transit, bicycle use or walking. Short-term visitor and customer parking should be included in the calculation of the number of spaces per employee.

Encourage Remote Park-and-Ride at Regional Intermodal Facilities

BTD will encourage the MBTA to continue to increase parking at regional transit stations and not local neighborhood stations to support increased transit use by employees and visitors to the city.

Strengthen the Boston Proper Parking Freeze

BAPCC has managed the off-street parking supply for 25-years without increasing the number of general public spaces. The "exempt" parking supply has increased to accommodate new commercial, residential and hotel demands

Consideration will be given to revising the Boston Proper Parking Freeze in a manner that encourages employees to shift to alternative modes, address residential parking needs and provide opportunities for short-term parking opportunities.

BTD will convene a Task Force consisting of BAPCC, BRA, Massachusetts DEP and representatives from neighborhood, public interest, business and environmental groups. The Task Force will examine the following potential modifications to the current Boston Proper Parking Freeze regulations:

- Allow exemptions for parking spaces below a 0.4 space per 1,000 square feet of commercial office development. Spaces above the ratio would be withdrawn from the Parking Freeze bank. Consideration should also be given to ratios that vary by location relative to the transit system and the downtown core.
- Allow operators of parking spaces within the new cap figure to charge a fee for use of the spaces by the general public as an economic incentive to reduce employee parking subsidies.
- Establish a bank of 2,000 spaces for distribution to non-exempt uses after approval of modification to the Parking Freeze.
- Create an exemption for short-term parking spaces with rates that are indexed to meter rates for the first four hours and that are kept off the market until after 9:30 a.m.
- Allow for trading for (market-based) value of Parking Freeze permits.

Develop and Implement a System to Disseminate Parking Information

BTD will work with parking garage operators to develop a system to inform motorists about parking information. The South Boston Waterfront would provide a good area for consideration due to: the limited number of property owners, public land ownership, an active Transportation Management Association, a high level of demand associated with infrequent visitors (e.g., convention attendees) and a concern about parking associated with the new development in the area. Consideration will be given to the following elements:

- Strategically placed directional signage with "real-time" information about the number of available spaces at each participating lot or garage.
- Integration of the system with other systems to distribute information via a range of media that include the internet, television, and highway signs.
- Dissemination of rate information
- Standardization of signage to protect consumers
- Capabilities to establish a reservation system for pre-payment of parking and reservation of a parking space prior to beginning the trip or en-route.

Work with Transportation Management Associations to Support District-based Parking Approach

Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) are organizations that bring together employees, retailers, business owners, public sector representatives, and others to address employee, visitors and customer transportation issues. BTD should continue to work with TMAs to foster support for and implementation of district-based parking approaches. TMAs also provide the opportunity to implement district-wide potential partner for the BTD to develop and implement district-wide parking information systems.

District-Based Parking Goals

The City uses a district-based approach to manage off-street parking. These goals provide a broad policy framework that will:

- Serve as a guide for the community in each district in planning for their neighborhoods.
- Provide developers with broad standards to adhere to when designing their projects.
- Used as a starting point for district studies and rezoning efforts.

The goals are based on the unique characteristics of each neighborhood such as existing land use, available parking supply, housing density, local street capacity, and cumulative impacts of new and proposed development. The fundamental principal, however, is based on an area's access to public transportation. Districts with good transit access require less parking spaces per square foot or per unit. Even within districts, projects on streets closer to MBTA stations should have less parking spaces than streets further away.

Table 8 summarizes the parking ratio goals for Boston's neighborhoods. Tables 9 and 10 itemize the parking ratio goals for each city district, the minimum requirements in existing zoning, and the existing public transportation access.

Traditionally zoning laws included only minimum parking requirements for projects. This requirement is changing as awareness has increased about the economic and land use disadvantages of requiring parking spaces. As a result, minimum required parking spaces are being reviewed and potentially supplemented with maximum parking spaces. For any project subject to or electing to comply with Article 80 Large Project Review, required off-street parking spaces shall be determined through such review based on the parking ratio goals shown below.

Additional parking principles include the following:

- All development should accommodate associated parking and loading activity onsite.
- shares the existing parking supply between different users at different times.
- Make provisions for bicycle, car and vanpool sharing.

Table 8 – Summary of District-based Parking Goals/Guidelines

LOCATION	Office/Non-Residential Spaces per 1,000 square Feet	RESIDENTIAL SPACES PER UNIT ²	HOTEL SPACES PER UNIT
Financial District/Government Center/ Bullfinch Triangle, North End, West End/ Massachusetts General Hospital, Beacon Hill, Chinatown/Leather District, Bay Village, Back Bay, South End (west of Tremont Street)	0.4	0.5-1.0	0.4
South End (east of Tremont Street), Boston Medical Center, Lower Roxbury/Crosstown	0.75-1.0	1.0-1.5	0.4
Dudley Square, Mission Hill	0.75-1.0	0.5-1.0	0.4
Longwood Medical Area, West Fenway/Kenmore, East Fenway	0.75	0.75	0.4
South Boston Waterfront	Down to 0.7 ¹	1.0-1.5	0.4
Allston/Brighton, Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roxbury, South Boston (residential neighborhood)	DISTANT FROM MBTA STATION 1.0-1.5 NEAR MBTA STATION 0.75-1.25	DISTANT FROM MBTA STATION 1.0-1.5 NEAR MBTA STATION 0.75-1.25	
Hyde Park, Roslindale, West Roxbury	1.0-1.5	1.0-1.5	

Notes:

- 1. With proposed MBTA improvements in place.
- Lower parking ratios may be appropriate for housing types such as elderly, lodging housed, transitorial housing, and group residences.

Table 9 – Parking Goals by Sections of the City within Boston Proper

	<u> </u>		
PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN EXISTING ZONING	PROPOSED PARKING RATIO GOALS	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS	
BACK BAY			
 Restricted Parking District Part of Boston Proper Parking Freeze Residential: 0.4-1.0 spaces/unit based on Floor Area Ratio 	Office: 0.4 spaces/1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.5-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type	 Orange and Green Lines Commuter rail (Back Bay Station) Express and local bus Private commuter/shuttle services Back Bay TMA programs 	
	BAY VILLAGE		
 Restricted Parking District Part of Boston Proper Parking Freeze Hotel: 0.7 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.7 spaces/unit 	 Office: 0.4 spaces/1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.5-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type 	 Orange and Green Lines Local MBTA bus routes 	
	BEACON HILL		
 Restricted Parking District Part of Boston Proper Parking Freeze Residential: 0.7 spaces/unit 	 Office: 0.4 spaces/1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.5-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type 	Red Line Local MBTA bus routes	
	CHINATOWN/LEATHER DISTRICT		
 Restricted Parking District Part of Boston Proper Parking Freeze Office: Maximum 1/1,500 square feet (Planned Development Area only) Residential: 0.4-1.0 spaces/unit based on Floor Area Ratio 	 Office: 0.4 spaces/1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.5-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type 	 Orange and Red Lines Commuter rail (South Station) Express and local MBTA bus routes Private commuter/shuttle services Silver Line (under construction) 	
FINANCIAL D	ISTRICT/GOVERNMENT CENTER/BULF	INCH TRIANGLE	
Restricted Parking District Part of Boston Proper Parking Freeze Parking requirements range from no parking required for any project to parking required for residential projects based on project location.	Office: 0.4 spaces/1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.5-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type	All rapid transit lines Commuter rail (North and South Stations) Express and local MBTA bus routes Water transportation Private commuter/shuttle services Silver Line (under construction) Artery Business Committee TMA programs	
NORTH END			
 Restricted Parking District Part of Boston Proper Parking Freeze Residential: 0.2-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type or Floor Area Ratio 	Office: 0.4 spaces/1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.5-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type	 Orange, Green and Blue Lines Commuter rail (North Station) Express and local MBTA bus routes Water transportation Private commuter/shuttle services 	
SOUTH END (EAST OF TREMONT STREET)			
 Restricted Parking District Part of Boston Proper Parking Freeze Hotel: 0.7 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.7 spaces/unit 	 Non-residential: 0.75-1.0 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type 	 Orange Line (north side of area) Local and CT MBTA bus routes Silver Line (under construction) Proposed Urban Ring Interinstitutional TMA programs 	

Table 9 (Continued) - Parking Goals by Sections of the City within Boston Proper

PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN EXISTING ZONING	Proposed Parking Ratio Goals	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS	
s	OUTH END (WEST OF TREMONT STREE	T)	
 Restricted Parking District Part of Boston Proper Parking Freeze Hotel: 0.7 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.7 spaces/unit 	 Office: 0.4 spaces/1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.5-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type 	 Orange Line Commuter rail (Back Bay Station) Local and CT MBTA bus routes Back Bay TMA programs 	
	SOUTH END (BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER	R)	
 Restricted Parking District Part of Boston Proper Parking Freeze Hotel: 0.7 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.7 spaces/unit 	 Non-residential: 0.75-1.0 spaces/	 Local and CT MBTA bus routes Silver Line (under construction) Proposed Urban Ring Interinstitutional TMA programs 	
WEST END/MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL			
 Restricted Parking District Part of Boston Proper Parking Freeze Residential: 0.5-0.6 spaces/unit 	 Office: 0.4 spaces/1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.5-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type 	 Orange, Green and Red Lines Commuter rail (North Station) Express and local MBTA bus routes Water transportation Private commuter/shuttle services Artery Business Committee TMA programs 	

Table 10 - Parking Goals by Section of the City outside Boston Proper

PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN EXISTING ZONING	PROPOSED PARKING RATIO GOALS	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS		
	ALLSTON/BRIGHTON			
Office/Retail: 2.0 spaces/1,000 square feet Residential: 0.5-2.0 spaces/unit based on housing type Ongoing North Allston Neighborhood Strategic Plan	Distant from MBTA Station Non-residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type Near MBTA Station Cost of parking for employees should be equal to or greater than transit cost Non-residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/unit based on housing type	Green Line Local MBTA bus routes		
	CHARLESTOWN			
Office: 0.4-2.0 spaces/1,000 square feet based on Floor Area Ratio Retail: 2.0 spaces/1,000 square feet Residential: None-2.0 spaces/unit based on housing type, Floor Area Ratio or location	 Distant from MBTA Station Non-residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type Near MBTA Station Cost of parking for employees should be equal to or greater than transit cost Non-residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/1,000 square feet Residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/unit 	 Orange Line Local MBTA bus routes Proposed Urban Ring Water transportation (Navy Yard) 		

Table 10 (Continued) - Parking Goals by Section of the City outside Boston Proper

	PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN EXISTING ZONING	PROPOSED PARKING RATIO GOALS	Public Transportation Access
		DORCHESTER	
•	Restricted Parking District in the Savin Hill area Ongoing rezoning Office/Retail: 1.0-2.0 spaces/1,000 square feet Residential: 0.5-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type and Floor Area Ratio Restaurant: 4.0 spaces/1,000 square feet	Distant from MBTA Station Non-residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type Near MBTA Station Cost of parking for employees should be equal to or greater than transit cost Non-residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/unit	 Red Line Commuter Rail at JFK/UM ass Local MBTA bus routes Proposed Urban Ring Proposed improved Fairmount Line
		based on housing type	
•	East Boston Parking Freeze Municipal Harbor Planning initiative Office/Retail: 2.0 spaces/1,000	► EAST BOSTON Distant from MBTA Station Non-residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/ 1,000 square feet	 Blue Line Local MBTA bus routes Proposed Urban Ring
•	square feet Residential: 0.5-2.0 spaces/unit based on housing type	Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type Near MBTA Station	Troposed Croun King
•	Restaurant: 4.0 spaces/1,000 square feet	 Cost of parking for employees should be equal to or greater than transit cost Non-residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/	
		EAST FENWAY	
•	Restricted Parking District Ongoing East Fenway Neighborhood Strategic Plan rezoning process Residential: 0.7 spaces/unit	Non residential including institutional research and development: 0.75 spaces/1,000 square feet Residential: 0.75 spaces/unit	 Orange and Green Lines Commuter Rail at Ruggles Station Local and CT MBTA bus routes Proposed Urban Ring
		HYDE PARK	
•	Office/Retail: Based on Floor Area Ratio Residential: 0.4-1.0 spaces/unit based on Floor Area Ratio	Non-residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type Near MBTA stations, cost of parking for employees should be equal to or greater than transit cost	 Commuter Rail Local MBTA Bus routes Proposed improved Fairmount Line
		JAMAICA PLAIN	
•	Ongoing Jackson Square planning initiative Office/Retail: 2.0 spaces/1,000 square feet Residential: 0.2-1.5 space/unit based	 Distant from MBTA Station Non-residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/1,000 square feet Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type 	 Orange Line and Green Line (E Branch) Local MBTA bus routes Proposed Urban Ring
•	on housing type Hotel: 0.7 spaces/hotel room	 Near MBTA Station Cost of parking for employees should be equal to or greater than transit cost Non-residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/	

Table 10 (Continued) - Parking Goals by Section of the City outside Boston Proper

PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN EXISTING ZONING	PROPOSED PARKING RATIO GOALS	Public Transportation Access	
LONGWOOD MEDICAL AREA			
 Restricted Parking District Institutional Overlay District Residential: 0.6-0.9 spaces/unit based on Floor Area Ratio 	Non residential including institutional research and development: 0.75 spaces/1,000 square feet Residential: 0 .75 spaces/unit	Green Line Commuter Rail at Ruggles and Yawkey Stations Local and CT MBTA bus routes Private shuttle services Proposed Urban Ring MASCO Commute Works TMA programs	
	LOWER ROXBURY/CROSSTOWN		
 Ongoing Roxbury Master Plan and rezoning Office: 0.5 spaces/1,000 square feet Residential: 0.2-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type 	 Non residential: 0.75-1.0 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type 	 Local and CT MBTA bus routes Silver Line (under construction) Proposed Urban Ring 	
	MISSION HILL		
 Ongoing planning initiative Office/Retail: 2.0 spaces /1,000 square feet Residential: 0.2-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type Hotel: 0.7 spaces/hotel room 	 Non residential: 0.75-1.0 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.5-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type 	 Orange and Green Lines Local and CT MBTA bus routes Mission Link Bus 	
	M ATTA PA N		
Office/Retail: 2.0 spaces /1,000 square feet Residential: 0.2-1.0 spaces/unit based on housing type Hotel: 0.7 spaces/hotel room	 Distant from MBTA Station Non-residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/	Red Line and Mattapan High Speed Trolley Local MBTA bus routes Commuter Rail at Morton Street Station Proposed Silver Line extension Proposed improved Fairmount Line	
	based on housing type		
 Office/Retail: Based on Floor Area Ratio Residential: 0.4-1.0/unit based on Floor Area Ratio 	ROSLINDALE Non-residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type Near MBTA stations, cost of parking for employees should be equal to or greater than transit cost	Commuter Rail Local MBTA Bus routes	

Table 10 (Continued) – Parking Goals/Guidelines by Section of the City outside Boston Proper

PARKING REQUIRED IN EXISTING ZON		PROPOSED PARKING RATIO GOALS	Public Transportation Access
		ROXBURY	
 Hotel: 0.7 spaces/ho 	000 square feet tel room paces/unit based	Distant from MBTA Station Non-residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type Near MBTA Station Cost of parking for employees should be equal to or greater than transit cost Non-residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/unit based on housing type	 Orange Line Local MBTA bus routes Proposed Urban Ring Proposed Silver Line extension Proposed improved Fairmount Line
 Ongoing Dudley Square and Air Quality Study pr Office: 0.5 spaces/1,00 Residential: 0.2-1.0 sp 	occess 00 square feet oaces/unit •	Non-residential: 0.75-1.0 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 0.5-1.0 spaces/unit	 Local and CT3 MBTA bus routes Silver Line (under construction) Proposed Urban Ring
Restricted Parking Distri		OSTON (RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORH) Distant from MBTA Station	Red Line (west of area)
• Residential: 0.2-1.5 sp	• • aces/unit based ag type or Floor	Non-residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/1,000 square feet Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type Near MBTA Station Cost of parking for employees should be equal to or greater than transit cost Non-residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Residential: 0.75-1.25 spaces/unit based on housing type	Local MBTA bus routes
	SOUTH BO	OSTON (WATERFRONT AND FORT P	OINT)
	ict	South Boston Parking Freeze Non-residential: Gradually decrease parking ratio to 0.7 spaces/1,000 square feet Hotel: 0.4 spaces/hotel room Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit	 Local and CT3 MBTA bus routes Water transportation Silver Line (under construction) Proposed Urban Ring South Boston Seaport District TMA programs
		WEST FENWAY/KENMORE	
 Restricted Parking Distriction On-going planning and restriction Residential: 0.7 spaces 	rezoning	Parking Restricted Overlay District Non residential including institutional research and development: 0.75 spaces/1,000 square feet (max.) Residential: 0.75 spaces/unit (min. and max.)	 Green Line Commuter Rail at Yawkey Station Local and CT MBTA bus routes Proposed Urban Ring service
		WEST ROXBURY	
 Office/Retail: 2.0 space feet Residential: 0.2-1.5 spon housin Hotel: 0.7 spaces/hotel 	paces/unit based ag type	Non-residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/ 1,000 square feet Residential: 1.0-1.5 spaces/unit based on housing type Near MBTA stations, cost of parking for employees should be equal to or greater than transit cost	 Commuter Rail Local MBTA Bus Routes